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DAVID BRINKLEY: Is the Russian delegation top the United States in New York a crowded nest of spies, tapping phones, reading mail, stealing every secret that is not nailed down? The U.S. Government says so, says there is so much spying, the FBI cannot keep track of it, that the Russian delegation is far bigger than it needs to be, and so some of its members have to be sent home.

Or is it possible that so many Russians are eager to work in the U.N. in New York because it is close to Bloomingdale's, consumer goods not available in Moscow?

And, does the U.S. have the right to order 105 Russians sent hom?

We'll ask all of this of today's guests: Ambassador Vassiliy Safronchuk, acting representative of the Soviet Union to the United Nations; Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, formerly American Abassador to the U.N.; Senator William S. Cohen of the Select Committee on Intelligence; and Richard Helms, former Director of the CIA.

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BRINKLEY: There are a good many functionaries, apparatchiks and paper-shufflers at the U.N. from many countries, but they don't bother anybody. The Soviet delegation, however, has all of those, plus a great many others. And the U.S. charge is that many of them are spies, stealing or buying at fire-sale prices military and other secrets.

Before we ask our guests what's going on here, some

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